interest of national policy is involved in that question, may I know whether the Government should make such an appointment which is controversial? Unless we know the full background of that particular gentleman, it is not in the interest of the nation, that such an appointment should be made.

So, it is absolutely necessary that the Prime Minister should come before the House and remove whatever doubts that have been raised. Unless those doubts are cleared, such an appointment should not be made. That is my humble submission.

MR. SPEAKER : I think, we have discussed it enough. Subject to the convenience of the Prime Minister, I tentatively fix two o'clock for the Prime Minister to come and inform the House.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

12.30 hrs.

Annual Report on the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Annual Report and Review by the Government of the working of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corpn. etc.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : I beg to lay on the Table -

(1) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) on the protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 for the year 1993, under sub-section (4) of section 15A of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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(3) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of the section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:-

(a) (i) Review by the Government of the working of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

(ii) Annual Report (Hindi and English versions of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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(b) (i) Review by the Government of the working of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi for the year 1995-96.

(ii) Annual Report of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(4) Two Statements (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (3) above.

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(5) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

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(6) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the National Institute for Visually Handicapped, Dehradun, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Account.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the National Institute for Visually Handicapped, Dehradun, for the year 1995-96.

(7) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (6) above.

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Notification under essential commodities Act, 1955 and Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : I beg to lay on the Table -

(1) A copy of the Notification No. S.O. 287 (E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st April, 1997 containing Order indicating the Supplies of fertilizers to be made by the domestic